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TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers
All County Medi-Cal Program Specialists/Liaisons
All County Health Executives
All County Mental Health Directors
All CalWORKs Program Managers

SUBJECT: SECTION 1931(b) CASH ASSISTANCE TIME-LIMIT EXPIRATION

Section 161 of AB 1542 (Chapter 270, Statutes of 1996) established the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program and required implementation effective January 1, 1998. Under the CalWORKs program, families are limited to receipt of cash assistance for a cumulative period of sixty (60) months.

Families and children who receive CalWORKs automatically receive Medi-Cal under the cash-based Section 1931(b) program. However, discontinuance from CalWORKs because of the sixty (60) month time-limit expiration does not automatically result in discontinuance from Medi-Cal under the Section 1931(b) program.

The first group of CalWORKs recipients to be discontinued for the sixty (60) month time-limit expiration begins January 1, 2003. Counties are reminded that these recipients must remain eligible for Medi-Cal-Only under the Section 1931(b) program (under Aid Code 3N), until their next scheduled annual redetermination unless they have a change in circumstances impacting Medi-Cal eligibility.

If you have any questions concerning this ACWDL, please contact Mr. Mack Guynn of the Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch at (916) 657-1064.

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